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SUBJECT: TRAINING FOR GAMBIAN WOMAN EDUCATION OFFICER

REFS: STATE A-6973, AIDTO CIRCULAR A-435

1. POST SEEKING INFO ON APPROPRIATE SHORT COURSE, PREFERABLY UNDER 45 DAYS FOR MRS. LOUISE N'JIE, EDUCATION OFFICER, GAMBIAN MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, RESPONSIBLE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN BANJUL AND VICINITY.

2. DHEW'S EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM DOES NOT SEEM TO BE THE RIGHT THING.

3. THE GOTG HAS BEEN DRAWING UP A 10-YEAR EDUCATIONAL PLAN. PRIMARY EDUCATION IS, OF COURSE, THE FOUNDATION ON WHICH ALL ELSE IS BUILT. THE GAMBIAN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM SUFFERS FROM JUST ABOUT EVERY CONCEIVABLE HANDICAP--NOT ENOUGH BUILDINGS, TEACHERS, SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, ETC. THE CURRENT CURRICULUM IS LARGELY A 19TH CENTURY BRITISH MODEL. SCHEDULING OF CLASSES IS HAPHAZARD AND RESULTS IN OVERLOADING OF SOME CLASSES, SPLIT SCHEDULES FOR INDIVIDUAL CHILDREN AND INAPPROPRIATE USE OF SCARCE RESOURCES.

4. MRS.. N'JIE IS AWARE OF MANY OF THESE PROBLEMS AND SENSES THAT AN OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE AMERICAN METHODS COULD PROVIDE USEFUL INSIGHTS AND STANDARDS OF COMPARISON. SHE IS INTERESTED

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IN CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, TEACHER

DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATIONAL PLANNING AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION.  
CAN EITHER CU/AF OR AID/W SUGGEST ONE OR MORE SHORT COURSES,  
AVAILABLE ANYTIME BETWEEN APRIL AND SEPTEMBER 1975..  
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